

exempt it from various restrictions like load-shedding etc., and maintain proper voltage level.

Limiting Losses and Subsidies at Chemicals & Fertilizers and Pesticides

5503. DR. R. MALLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to limit losses and subsidies on chemical fertilizers and pesticides;

(b) if so, the details of losses and subsidies direct and indirect thereon, during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the development and use of wide-range of non-chemical alternatives to these pesticides which are now being widely used in USA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to adopt the latest technology in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Government is concerned about mounting subsidy bill. The subsidy paid on chemical fertilizers, including the loss (under recovery) suffered on sale of imported fertilizers at statutorily notified prices during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was Rs. 3200.70 crores, Rs. 4542.10 crores and Rs. 4389.06 crores, respectively.

As regards pesticides, the subsidy extended by the Central Government to various States/Union Territories for implementing a scheme during the last three years is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Administrative approval accorded (Rs. in lakhs)</i>	<i>Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1988-89	414	200
1989-90	298	420
1990-91	150	135
TOTAL :	862	755

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Use of non-chemical fertilizers and pesticides is evoking keen interest in many countries of the world. To reduce consumption of chemical fertilizers, the use of bio-fertilizers is being encouraged through a Central sector scheme. Adoption of integrated pest management based on cultural practices, biological and mechanical interventions and minimum use of chemical

pesticides is being accorded high priority.

[*Translation*]

Assistance for Earthquake affected areas of U.P.

5504. SHRISURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh asking for special assistance to the State under Jawahar Rojgar Yojana for providing job opportunities in earthquake affected areas of Garhwal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is a regular plan scheme for generation of wage-employment opportunities in the rural areas under which the funds are distributed amongst the State/Districts in accordance with the pre-determined criteria. As such, there is very little scope for accommodating the type of request received from Uttar Pradesh Government in 1991-92 for earthquake affected areas of Garhwal region. In spite of this limitation, the proposal of Uttar Pradesh Government was considered sympathetically in anticipation of shortfall of expenditure in some of the poor-performing districts of the country.

The examination of the proposals received from the Uttar Pradesh Government indicated that it was more in nature of seeking assistance for creation of assets than creation of job opportunities. In spite of the limitations as mentioned above, the Government of India accommodated the request of the Uttar Pradesh Government to the fullest possible extent as the facts mentioned in the following paragraphs would show:

INDIRA AWAAS YOJANA (I.A.Y.):

Uttar Pradesh Government had asked for an allocation of Rs. 7.25 crores for Indira Awaas Yojana for the earthquake affected areas of Garhwal. Out of that, Rs. 5.80 crores (80)% worked out to be the Central share. This demand was met in full.

MILLION WELLS SCHEME (MWS):

Uttar Pradesh Government had also requested for an amount of Rs. 2.10 crores for Million Wells Scheme. They were advised that this could be met by suitable re-allocation of the amount already allotted to them under Million Wells Scheme and which was Rs. 102.19 crores.

OTHERS:

Uttar Pradesh Government also requested for an additional amount of Rs. 13.87 crores under JRY for the districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Tehri Garhwal, in addition to what they had asked for Indira Awaas Yojana and Million Wells Scheme. Out of that, the Central share worked out to Rs. 11.09 crores (80%). After examination of the proposal and administrative limitation of capacity to utilise the amount, the Central Government sanctioned an additional grant of Rs. 5.00 crores for the Programme. The judgement of the Central Government has been vindicated as till the end of February, 1992, the Uttar Pradesh Government has utilised only 12%, 73.1% and 42.4% of available funds for the districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Tehri Garhwal respectively.

[English]

Commission of Restructuring of Planning Commission

5505. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI R. SURENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert panel set up under the Chairmanship of Shri V. Krishnamurthy, Member, Planning Commission on restructuring of the Planning Commission